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For: CORNEAL IMPLANT METHODS AND
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Examiner: Dave Willse

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-referenced matter are the following:

- Preliminary Amendment and Response to Restriction Requirement (3 pages).
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND
RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement (Paper No. 5) dated October 4, 1999
for which a response is timely filed.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 22-24 as follows:

22. (Amended) The method of claim [18] 21, wherein said continuous ring implant

is inserted in a stretched state.

23. (Amended) The method of claim [18] 21, wherein said continuous ring implant

is folded prior to insertion.